



DR. W. S. MCBIRNIE
News Analyst

Cold War Topic of Speaker

"What is the State of the Union at this Moment?" will be the topic of W. S. McBirnie, radio news analyst, author and pastor of Glendale's United Community Church, when he speaks in Torrance.

Sponsored by the Torrance Forum, Dr. McBirnie will appear at Torrance High School, April 24, at 8 p.m.

Author of 44 books and director of the "Voice of Americanism," Dr. McBirnie observes and reports the news of the day in the light of the cold war between free-enterprise and communistic-socialistic philosophies.

The speaker, who has just returned from his eighth fact-finding mission in Europe and the Middle East, retains intelligence agencies in many foreign countries to furnish his broadcasts with the latest development from around the world. He traveled around the entire Iron Curtain from Europe to Red China in 1964.

ON RETURNING, Dr. McBirnie described himself as a "realist" in regards to the communistic danger to America but an "optimist" in the belief that America's chances of winning the cold war are assured if she will use an additional important weapon—the will to victory.

Dr. McBirnie is known for his reasonable defense of "freedom under God, and for his unrelenting personal war on socialism, appeasement, accommodation and co-existence with godless communism," according to Mrs. William A. Hardesty, program chairman for the Torrance Forum.

Color slides will accompany the lecture and a question and answer period will conclude the program. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Warriors Cited for Citizenship

Nearly 250 students at West High achieved excellent citizenship marks for the first semester of the year, according to Paul Hawkins, vice principal for pupil personnel.

Hawkins said the list of 249 students represents 18 per cent of the student body. A composite grade of excellent is received by students who earn an excellent grade in three or more classes.

Seniors topped all classes, reporting 25 per cent of the class. Juniors and sophomores had 15 per cent of their classes on the list, while 19 per cent of the freshmen were named as excellent citizens.

A Busy Day in the Life Of a State Assemblyman

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL
Assemblyman, 46th District
This report to the readers of this journal is autobiographical because each Member of the Assembly and each State Senator in our California Legislature represents a legislative district which has some problems in common with all other districts and many of which are unique.

Since I am neither an editor nor a king, I cannot use the word "we" in either the editorial or the majestic sense of the word. Therefore, I must use the personal pronoun "I," which can be both boring and egotistical. In this issue, you may rest assured that by the time you have finished reading this prose, you may conclude that my comments may be boring but I have little on which to base a case for egotism.

My day starts any time between 8:20 a.m. and 9 a.m. My staff consists of one secretary who begins her day by sorting the incoming mail into piles.

PILE NUMBER 1 consists of letters, postal cards, and telegrams from people who live in any of the incorporated cities or the county territory within the Forty-sixth Assembly District. This pile is re-sorted so that communications from people in dire peril get a high priority.

Those who tell me that I am "doing a good job and keep it up" receive letters of appreciation. There are very few of these because normally people do not write to me unless they want me to do something. Frequently, I am already doing what they want me to do, hence this presents no big problem.

DURING THE nearly 15 years that I have been in office, all of my Sacramento secretaries have been selected for me by the ladies who have done their best to manage the Assembly's Secretariat Pool, all three of whom have held the title of Chief Secretary. The first two retired, and the lady currently holding the title is ap-

parently in good health and should survive, but the job of Chief Secretary is not easy.

The reason that I have had several secretaries during a period of more than fourteen years is simple. Some resigned to accept jobs which paid more money. Some resigned to raise children, which is perfectly normal. One lady was with me for several years but she continued to tell me that unless I became a chairman of a committee she would eventually resign if some chairman wanted her services. I politely explained that I am a Republican and that the Democrats are running the State, hence it was unlikely that I would become a chairman.

ANYHOW, I did not want to become a chairman because I was one for two years and learned that a committee chairman often does not have time to read his mail, let alone give it his personal, undivided attention. This will give you a general idea of why I have had several secretaries. None of them banged the big front door on their way out.

When the Legislature is not in session, my secretaries return to keeping house for their husbands and children. (Each secretary has only one husband.) When a legislative session ends and Mrs. Chapel and I return home, I hire a local secretary, that is, one who lives within or adjacent to the Forty-sixth Assembly District. The reason for the geographical aspect is that traffic and parking are big problems.

AFTER DICTATING answers to communications from my constituents, I go to the Assembly floor, and there sit and vote, or stand at a microphone and try to persuade the other seventy-nine members that a bill I hope will be enacted into law is a very good bill. Sometimes I arise to support or oppose other people's bills, on the merits or demerits of the bills. Meanwhile, the State Senate is holding committee

meetings at the same time that the Assembly is on the floor in session.

If one of my own bills is being heard by a Senate committee, I must walk briskly to one of the several Senate hearing rooms, wait for my bills to be called up, explain my bills, and then get back to the Assembly, which frequently remains in session continuously from as early as 9 a.m. to as late as 1:30 p.m.

ASSUMING that I have time to consume a well-balanced diet during the lunch period, our Assembly committees begin hearings at 1:30 p.m. There are four of the Assembly Committees of which I am a member. Fortunately, no two of them meet at the same time.

While we are in committees in the afternoon, the State Senate is holding about the same kind of session that the Assembly has in the morning. I shall not discuss night meetings of the committees or night sessions of the Assembly and Senate. Those I leave to the imaginations of the several readers of this column, assuming that there are a few still in existence.

None of this is done with mirrors. It entails a vast amount of hard work at miserable wages, long hours, and sometimes very pleasant working conditions, I am pleased to report.

Employee Cited For Good 'Idea'

Robert G. Sterner, 4528 Talisman St., was one of four Department of Public Works employees rewarded with cash and commendations by the Board of Public Works for suggestions which improved operating efficiency.

A mechanical repairman in the Bureau of Sanitation, Sterner proposed a design change in indicator brackets at the Hyperion Treatment Plant which saved operators' time and prolonged the life of the brackets.



BENNETT CERF
At Campus Theater

Trade a Year With a Peer Begins at EC

Two El Camino College instructors will join the faculty of Montgomery Junior College in Maryland as exchange teachers next fall, according to Dr. Stuart E. Marsee, president of El Camino College. Participating in the exchange, tagged "Trade a Year with a Peer" by Dr. Marsee, will be Dr. Edgar Love and Sheldon of El Camino and Lee L. Ehrbright and Ephraim G. Salins of Montgomery Junior College.

Dr. Love will instruct social science classes at the Maryland college, while Nelson will teach mathematics classes. In return, Salins will instruct math at El Camino and Ehrbright will conduct business courses.

Montgomery Junior College is located in the city of Takoma Park and is only blocks from the nation's Capitol in the District of Columbia. Considered the largest JC in Maryland, the college has an enrollment of nearly 2,500 and a faculty in excess of 100.

THE COLLEGE has a unique study format. Beginning students are placed in a basic studies program and, if passed, join the regular curriculum. A 3.4 grade point average in regular curriculum courses allows the student to enter the honors program, where he may enroll in special courses not open to other students.

El Camino To Present Humorist

Bennett Cerf, publisher, humorist, columnist, television panelist and author, will speak at El Camino College April 28 at 8:30 p.m. in the Campus Theater.

"Modern Trends in Literature and Humor," will be Cerf's topic.

By 1920, Cerf held two degrees, a bachelor in literature from the Pulitzer School of Journalism and a BA from Columbia University.

During his years as an undergraduate at Columbia, the speaker had already launched his career as a humorist as editor of the college humor magazine, "The Jester." It was after his graduation and subsequent stints in reporting for the "New York Herald Tribune" and clerking on the Stock Exchange, that he began his career as publisher.

Cerf is the author of ten best-selling collections of humorous stories, including the new "Houseful of Laughter," "Riddle-De-Dee," "Out on a Limerick," "Try and Stop Me," "The Encyclopedia of Modern Humor" and "Reading for Pleasure."

AS THE developer and president of Random House Publishing Co., Cerf has been the sponsor of many newcomers in the field of writing. His interest in stimulating the creative endeavors of young people everywhere has contributed toward his popularity as a speaker on the college and university campuses all over the country.

General admission tickets for the El Camino lecture are available at the student store in the Campus Center. They may also be purchased at the box office on the presentation. The price is \$1.50.

CAMPUS PRODUCTION Bill Doty, senior at the University of Kansas, will appear in the campus production of "The Marriage of Figaro" this month. He is the son of William Doty of 4813 Via El Sereno.

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Chatsworth Barbecue 'World's Largest'

Preparing for the Knights of Columbus "world's largest barbecue at Rancho San Antonio, Boys Town of the West in Chatsworth next Sunday is a job of staggering proportions.

Ask Emil Jacobs, in charge of the cooking department. "Well, we order 7,000 pounds of beef, 1,200 pounds of beans and 300 bacon ends, to begin with," sighed Jacobs, anticipating the hard hours ahead.

"Then there's 350 pounds of coffee, 15,000 each knives, forks, spoons, napkins, salt and pepper shakers, 15,000 each plates, cups, saucers, dinner rolls."

He took out his handkerchief. "Not to forget the six cords of orange wood to fire three big 4 by 6 1/2 foot deep pits—California orange wood adds something special to the flavor," he mopped his brow, thinking of the heat.

"Plus forty 20-gallon cooking pots, three 4-foot salad mixing bowls, 12 32-gallon drums for mixing sauces, 48 power mixers, 125 coffee servers and 15 commercial coffeemakers." He reached slowly for his banana again.

"LIKE 800 pounds of onions, 150 pounds of red chili peppers, 30 pounds of garlic, 10 pounds oregano, 4 pounds cayenne, 4 pounds black pepper, 8 gallons vinegar, 250 pounds salt, 30 gallons tomato juice, 30 gallons tomato sauce, 2 gallons worcestershire sauce, 10 pounds brown sugar, 72 gallons crushed tomato chunks.

"And 300 burlap bags, 300 bleached cotton bags, 250

wire bale ties, food trays, cotton twine, canvas tarps." At this point the reporter drew his own handkerchief—to wave as a white flag.

Jacobs grinned, "But we love it." He was thinking of the thousands of men, women and children from all over Southern California who will enjoy this mixture perfectly blended, prepared, cooked and seasoned.

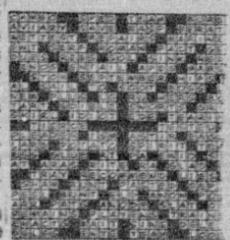
Carefully the meat will be wrapped in muslin and burlap bags and placed in layers over fragrant orange wood coals to simmer in a secret early California sauce over night.

IN JUICY tenderness on barbecue-fiesta day, the meat will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the new James Francis Cardinal McIntyre Grove to 200 persons at one sitting.

The public is invited to attend the annual fund-raising event which benefits Rancho San Antonio. Tickets are available through members of Knights of Columbus.

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FOR FUTURE... Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, using bronze plaque on the Wilmington Drum Barracks to emphasize a point, tells Mrs. Thomas and son, Vincent Jr., that preservation of the building as a historical site will benefit youth of today and the future by preserving a landmark that provides a connecting link to history. A community program has been launched to maintain the historical old building.

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